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Local Boards

Alleged irregularities in the Markapur Taluk Board.

* 1755 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government auditors have drawn the attention of the taluk and district boards concerned and of the Government to the irregularities of the Taluk Board of Markapur, Kurnool district, in regard to—

(1) expenditure in excess of the allotted amount on furniture,

(2) irregular payment of teachers,

(3) the unauthorized arrangement by which teachers were asked to receive their pay from a private individual by name Manchikanti Subbanna,

(4) the payment to teachers on a scale of pay less than that on which the Government grant was based and made during the last three years,

(*b*) if so, in what month and year respectively ; and

(*c*) when the explanations to the same were called for and furnished by the President, Taluk Board?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) Certain irregularities in regard to the maintenance of accounts relating to the Elementary Education Fund discovered in the course of the audit of the accounts for 1927–28 including points (1), (2) and (3) referred to in clause (*a*) of the question have been brought to the notice of Government by the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts. The report was sent by the Examiner to the President, Taluk Board, towards the end of November 1928. The replies furnished by the President were approved by the Taluk Board on 16th October 1929 and forwarded to the Inspector of Local Fund Accounts in December 1929. The report is now under the consideration of Government.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" The answer given by the hon. Minister covers only irregularities referred to in items (1), (2) and (3) of clause (*a*), but item (4) of the clause has not been answered. I ask the hon. Minister whether payment was not made to the Markapur Taluk Board teachers on the scale of pay on which the Government grant was made?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The Government are considering the question."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Will the hon. Minister call for the information, Sir?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Yes, Sir."

Alleged irregular payment of the salaries of teachers by Local Boards.

* 1756 Q.—Mr. K. V. SURYANARAYANA AYYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in schools under the management of the Local Boards, the salaries of teachers are not paid regularly even after the Government contribution is received ;

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(b) whether the attention of the hon. the Minister was drawn to this matter during his visit to Malabar and whether the hon. the Minister promised to look into the question;

(c) whether the hon. the Minister has looked into the question and whether he has taken any action in pursuance thereof and if not, why not; and

(d) whether any cases have been brought to the notice of Government in which the local boards draw the grant given by the Government for this special purpose in advance and divert it for other purposes?

A.—(a) Individual cases of delay in the disbursement of salaries have been brought to the notice of the Government.

(b) & (c) Yes. The Government think after that some of the taluk boards did pay their teachers whose pay was in arrear.

(d) No.

Construction of a bridge over the Khan Sahib Canal.

* 1757 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) how long the bridge over the Khan Sahib Canal near Kumaratchi has been under construction and when the same will be ready for traffic;

(b) whether it is a fact that even before the said bridge is completed and opened for traffic, serious cracks have come into existence and that on that account the opening of the bridge is delayed;

(c) who are the engineers and contractors who designed and built the bridge and what is the amount sanctioned and spent therefor; and

(d) whether the Government have investigated or propose to investigate into the matter of the defects in the construction of the bridge and what action the Government propose to take against the contractors or other parties concerned, and to remedy the defects?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have no information.

(d) They have called for a report from the President, District Board, South Arcot.

Issue of memorandum to the Ellore Taluk Board regarding certain adjustment of accounts.

* 1758 Q.—Mr. M. NARASIMHA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have issued a memorandum directing the Ellore Taluk Board in the West Godavari district to adjust the amount that was alleged to have been wrongly credited during the faslis 1332 to 1334;

(b) if so, what is the amount;

(c) whether the Government have received objections from the Taluk Board, Ellore, in this connexion;

(d) whether the Government will lay the correspondence that has passed between the Government and the Taluk Board, Ellore, on the Council table; and

(e) whether the Government will cause an inquiry to be made in order to know why this matter was delayed so long?